GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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COMMEMORATION OF DARJEELING HIMALAYAN RAILWAY .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the North-East Frontier Railway is planning to commemorate the completion of 125 years of existence ofheritage Darjeeling Himalayan Railway;

(b) If so, whether any plan has been chalked out in this regard; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) On 23rd August 2006, Darjeeling Himalayan Railway will be completing 125th year of its existence and Northeast Frontier Railway plans to celebrate the occasion in accordance with its historic importance.At Siliguri Jn. Station of Katihar Division of Northeast Frontier Railway three different gauges viz. Broad Gauge

(BG), Metre Gauge (MG) and Narrow Gauge (NG),exist together. It has been planned to run three steam hauled special trains on the three gauges as part of the celebrations. The special trains will run as under: BG- From Siliguri Jn. to Chalsa on Alipurduar Division (distance 58 KM, Chalsa is a reserved forest location).

MG-From Siliguri Jn. to Bagdogra (distance 10 KM). NG- From Siliguri Jn. to Tindharia (distance 30 KM).

It is also planned to hold cultural programmes on this occasion.